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DARK MYSTERIES

GET AWAY FROM
ME! CALL THESE
BLASTED THINGS OFF!

YOU SHOULDN'T
MIND MY PETS. YOU
DON'T BELIEVE IN WITCHES.
YOU SAY THEY DON'T EXIST
...OR DO THEY?
(CACKLE! CACKLE!)

WOE TO THOSE WHO DISTURB
THE REPOSE OF THE ANCIENT
RULERS OF THE Nile. READ

**"The HAND
OF DESTINY"**

REDUCE WITH DELICIOUS KELPIDINE CANDY PLAN!

"WE GUARANTEE YOU WILL LOSE UP TO 5 POUNDS IN 5 DAYS* 10 POUNDS IN 10 DAYS* 15 POUNDS IN 15 DAYS* 25 POUNDS IN 25 DAYS* AND KEEP IT OFF" **

*How Fast You Lose Weight Depends Upon How Quickly You Order and How Much You Are Overweight

**You Will Always Want to Keep on Eating Kelpidine Candy—and Keep on the Plan—It KEEPS Weight Off!

THIS CANDY - MUST TASTE AS GOOD AS OR BETTER THAN YOUR FAVORITE CANDY OR YOUR MONEY BACK!

Now at last science has discovered a new delightfully thrilling way to take off fat—to lose up to 25 lbs. safely! The secret is that Kelpidine Candy satisfies your craving for high calorie foods! It keeps you from overeating—the reason most doctors give for being fat! It's the best aid to will power, cuts your craving for foods!

NO DANGEROUS DRUGS! NO HARDSHIP DIETS!

Here is thrilling news for fat folks! You can lose up to 25 lbs. in 25 days by simply nibbling on tasty appetite satisfying candy, whenever you are tempted to overeat.

YOUR MONEY BACK IF YOU DON'T REDUCE TO THE WEIGHT THAT MOST BECOMES YOU!

Thousands of people were amazed to find that this delicious candy plan actually takes off weight—without dangerous drugs, starvation diet, or hard-to-follow methods. Here's one way to reduce that you will want to continue with to keep off fat! The Kelpidine Candy Plan helps you curb your appetite for fattening foods, helps keep you from overeating. Now you reach for a delicious sweet candy instead of fattening foods—it kills the overpowering urge to overeat—in wet between meal-snacks. Your craving for rich, fattening foods is satisfied with this candy plan. Almost like magic you begin to enjoy this plan for reducing.

SENSATIONAL TWO-WAY GUARANTEE!

This sweet, delicious Kelpidine Candy plan is guaranteed (1) to

take off up to 10 pounds of excess weight in 10 days. (2) to taste better or as good as your favorite candy and to be the best plan you ever followed or you get your money back.



SCIENTIFICALLY AND CLINICALLY TESTED!

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AMAZING DISCOVERY OF SCIENCE!

The Kelpidine Candy plan is the result of scientific research for years for a new discovery for something that will stop your craving for fattening food and also satisfy your appetite. This delicious candy does not turn into ugly fat, it gives you the same feeling of fullness you have after you have eaten a satisfying meal. It kills your desire to overeat—it kills your craving for bedtime snacks and for in-between meal snacks. It's so safe even a child

IT'S UNHEALTHY TO BE FAT!

Insurance companies and doctors tell everyone that too much fat shortens your life! Fat people live years shorter than people with normal weight! So be safe! Be Fair to yourself! Start taking off ugly fat with delicious tasting Kelpidine Candy plan!

can take it without bad effects. With Kelpidine Candy all you taste is its deliciousness—you can't tell the difference!

KELPIDINE CANDY IS DIFFERENT!

The amazing clinical tested and proven reducing substance contained in Kelpidine Candy is prescribed by many doctors—Don't be misled by imitation products—Kelpidine Candy is the result of scientific research and is the last word in Reducing.

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YOU GET A LIBERAL SUPPLY OF CANDY!

Try the liberal supply of Kelpidine Candy Plan on our 10-day so risk offer. Keep a record of your weight. If you are not pleased with your loss of weight; if you can taste any difference between this candy and your favorite candy—return for refund. Just fill out coupon and mail to AMERICAN HEALTHAIDS CO., DEPT. K-32 Candy Division, 318 Market St., Newark, New Jersey.

MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

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GOOD FOR WOMEN TOO



THIS CAN HAPPEN TO YOU!

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Hand of Destiny

IN THE MUSTY CHAMBER OF A LONG-BURIED PHARAOH, THEY FOUND THEIR PRIZE! BUT THEY SHOULD HAVE BELIEVED THE TERRIFIED NATIVES, WHO RELUCTANTLY UNEARTHED THE SACRED TOMB, FOR IN THEIR SUPERSTITIOUS WAY, THEY KNEW THE DREAD TERROR THAT FOLLOWED ANY WHO CLAIMED THE HAND OF DESTINY!

CRAGG, I'VE TRANSLATED THESE HIERO-GLYPHICS! THIS WAS THE EGYPTIAN KING'S BURIAL CHAMBER! THE WRITINGS SAYS--"THOSE WHO ENTER HERE REMAIN TO *DIE* TO SERVE OUR PHARAOH IN THE NETHER WORLD!"

THE ROCKS SLIPPED BACK, FENTON! THE DOORWAY'S *BLOCKED!* AND WITH THE NATIVE WORKERS HAVING FLED--WE TWO *CAN'T* GET OUT!



ON THE HOT DESERT PLAINS OF EGYPT, TWO ARCHEOLOGISTS FOLLOW A LEAD AND SWING PICKS AND SHOVELS WITH THEIR NATIVE CREW, AS SUDDENLY

LOOK, FENTON! WE'VE FOUND THE ANCIENT LEGENDARY TOMB--
A WALL!



DON'T STAND THERE, WALI! GET THE MEN TO WORK BREAKING INTO THE WALL!

NO! BEHOLD THE SACRED SCARAB OF KHEPERA! NONE DARES PROFANE ITS GUARDIANSHIP BY PIERCING THE WALLS IT WATCHES!



SUPERSTITIOUS NONSENSE!
AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE
AN ENLIGHTENED EGYPTIAN,
WALI! STAND ASIDE-- I'M
NOT STOPPING FOR ANY
CARVED BEATLE!

DON'T
DIG!



As
THE
TREMBLING
NATIVES
WATCH,
REID
CRAGG
GRABS
A
PICK
AND
SWINGS
LUSTILY
INTO
THE
STONE
FACADE



THERE SHOULD BE AN
ANCIENT TOMB *INSIDE*
THIS WALL! WE WANT
TO FIND IT! THERE'LL
BE REWARD FOR ALL
WHEN WE DO! --
START WORKING!

SLOWLY, ONE BY ONE, REASSURED BY
CRAGG'S AND FENTON'S DEFIANCE TO THE
AGED CARVING, THE NATIVE CREW BEGINS
TO WORK! BUT AS THE BASE OF THE WALL
IS UNBURIED AND THEY START CUTTING AN
ENTRY, SUDDENLY, A HUGE BLOCK IS
LOOSENEED



TO EVEN TRY TO PRY THE STONE
OFF THE STRICKEN WORKER IS
USELESS, THE MAN'S OPEN HAND
GRIMLY TELLS HE IS DEAD

THE CURSE--THE CURSE ON
THOSE WHO VIOLATE THE
ANCIENT TOMBS! WE
WILL ALL SUFFER
ALSO!



COME BACK! IT WAS AN
ACCIDENT! WE'LL
DOUBLE YOUR PAY!
DON'T GO!

NO USE! THEY'RE
RUNNING LIKE A
FLOCK OF SCARED
SHEEP!



YOU SUPERSTITIOUS,
CRAGG?



NO! SO LET'S START
HACKING! THAT FALLEN
BLOCK WILL GIVE US A
GOOD BEGINNING FOR
OUR ENTRY! WE
SHOULD BREAK
INTO THE
BURIAL
CHAMBER
BY SUNSET!

AFTER HOURS OF LABOR, THE TWO MEN BREAK THROUGH! SLOWLY, THEY ENTER THE LONG-SEALED BURIAL ROOM, ONLY THEIR FOOTFALLS SHATTER ITS ETERNAL SILENCE...



THERE'S SOME HIEROGLYPHIC TABLET THERE! SHOULD PROVE JUST MY MEAT!

AND BEHIND THE TABLET, CRAGG FINDS A SMALL GOLD BOX...



A HAND--A MUMMIFIED HAND! WELL, THAT'S MY PRIZE!

RETURNING TO THEIR CAIRO HOTEL ROOMS, THE EXPLORERS PART! THE EXHAUSTED CRAGG PLACES THE MUMMIFIED HAND IN A BOTTOM BUREAU DRAWER AND DOESN'T RING FOR BREAKFAST UNTIL LATE THE NEXT MORNING.

THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WILL CLAIM THE REAL GOLD LOOT! BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT THESE TWO TROPHIES ARE WORTH?

AS SOON AS YOU TRANSLATE THE TABLET, WE'LL KNOW WHAT THE HAND REPRESENTS!



WHAT IN THE WORLD-- FENTON'S PHOTO ON PAGE ONE!



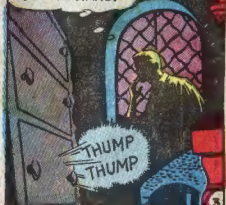
"PROFESSOR FREDERICK FENTON ANNOUNCED LATE LAST NIGHT THAT HE HAD TRANSLATED A TABLET TAKEN FROM THE NEWLY UNCOVERED TOMB OF AKHEM III! A MUMMIFIED HAND WAS FOUND BY IT! ACCORDING TO THE TABLET, IT WAS THE HAND OF THE PHAROAH'S EXECUTIONER, WHO STRANGLED ALL THOSE DOOMED BY THE RULER! A VERSE ON THE TABLET READS: 'WHO HAS THE HAND NEED BUT COMMAND!' THE HAND MR. FENTON FOUND WAS CALLED, 'THE HAND OF DESTINY!'"

WHY THE DIRTY DOUBLE-CROSSING PUBLICITY HOUND! HE GOT THE JUMP ON ME AND TOOK ALL THE CREDIT FOR UNEARTHING THAT TOMB! DIDN'T EVEN MENTION I WAS ALONG! --I WISH THAT BLASTED FENTON WERE DEAD!



AND AS HE THINKS OUT HIS EVIL WISH, CRAGG TURNS SURPRISED, AS A STIRRING SOUND EMANATES FROM THE BOTTOM BUREAU DRAWER...

THAT'S FUNNY, THERE'S NOTHING IN THAT DRAWER BUT THE HAND!



THUMP
THUMP

THAT NIGHT, AS THE BITTER AND DEFEATED CRAGG STARTS TO SLEEP, HE IS AWAKENED BY A SCRAPING SOUND, LIKE A DRAWER SLIDING OPEN AND THEN THERE IS A SCURRYING NOISE ACROSS THE MOON-LIT FLOOR

NOTHING! --MUST'VE BEEN A SMALL ANIMAL, SOUNDED LIKE THE PATTTER OF FEET!



THE NEXT DAY, AS HE STARTS THROUGH CAIRO'S WINDING STREETS, THE BANNER HEADLINE OF THE AFTER-NOON PAPER CATCHES HIS EYE...

THE NEWS STORY TELLS OF THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGLING! THE DEAD MAN WAS FOUND IN HIS LOCKED HOTEL ROOM! NOT A CLUE WAS DISCOVERED! AND LATER THAT DAY, CRAGG IS CALLED INTO THE POLICE CHIEF'S OFFICE

MR. CRAGG, YOU **MUST** KNOW SOMETHING MORE... IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED YOU WERE THE LAST PERSON TO SEE THE LATE FENTON!



PROFESSOR FENTON STRANGLED

I SAW HIM AND I ARGUED WITH HIM! I WAS ANGRY THAT HE HAD TAKEN ALL THE CREDIT FOR THE EXCAVATION! BUT I **DIDN'T** STRANGLE HIM!

CONSIDER YOURSELF UNDER SUSPICION! YOU WILL BE PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST! YOU ARE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOTEL ROOM UNTIL WE CALL FOR YOU!

BUT MY WORK -- I MUST GO BACK AND CONTINUE OUR EXPLORATION!



OTHERS WILL BE SENT TO COMPLETE YOUR WORK! YOU WILL STAY IN YOUR ROOM!

BUT I WANT THE CREDIT FOR THE WORK THAT I RIGHTFULLY CAN CLAIM AS MINE!



BUT HIS PROTESTS FALL ON DEAF EARS

THAT FAT FEZZED FOOL! WHILE I'M SITTING IN THIS HOTEL ROOM PLAYING COMPANY TO A MUMMIFIED HAND, SOME OTHER ARCHEOLOGISTS WILL COMPLETE THE DIGGINGS AND GET ALL THE FAME! -- I WISH THAT POLICE CHIEF WERE **WITH** FENTON NOW!



AND ONCE AGAIN, FROM THE CLOSED DRAWER CONTAINING THE ANCIENT WITHERED HAND, A STIRRING IS HEARD...

PROBABLY SOME RAT IS HOLING UP IN THAT BUREAU DRAWER!



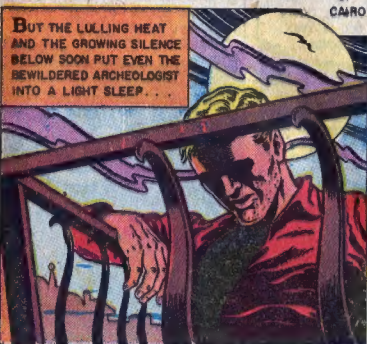


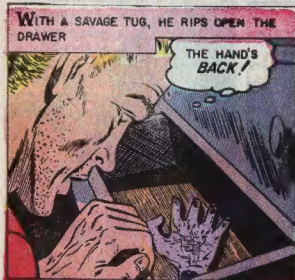
BUT SCARCELY DOES HE CLOSE HIS EYES THAT NIGHT, WHEN ONCE MORE THE EERIE SCURRYING OF SOME CREATURE ACROSS HIS FLOOR AROUSES HIM

THIS TIME, I'M GOING TO FIND OUT **WHAT** IS MAKING STRANGE NOISES IN MY ROOM!



WILDLY, HE SEARCHES EVERY CORNER OF HIS ROOM TO NO AVAIL! THE HAND HAS VANISHED! THEN HE SITS ON HIS BALCONY, OVERLOOKING THE EXOTIC CITY OF CAIRO...





THE
NEXT DAY,
UNDER
HOUSE
ARREST,
THE
PUZZLED
REID
CRAGG
PACES
BACK
AND
FORTH
ACROSS
HIS
SMALL
BALCONY...



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QUICKLY, THROUGH THE HOT STREETS OF CAIRO, CRAGG HASTENS, THE WRAPPED, MUMMIFIED HAND UNDER HIS ARM

I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE THE NEW POLICE CHIEF! I WISH TO TURN OVER TO YOU WHAT I EXCAVATED FROM THE TOMB! AND THEN, I'D LIKE PERMISSION TO LEAVE YOUR COUNTRY!

MR. CRAGG, I HAVE NO GROUNDS FOR HOLDING YOU UNDER ARREST!

ER—BE SURE YOU PUT THE HAND IN A **STRONGLY LOCKED PLACE!**

MY WALL SAFE WILL DO! TOMORROW, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO THE MUSEUM AUTHORITIES! UNTIL THEN, IT IS **SAFE!**

WITH HIS EXIT PERMIT IN HAND, CRAGG RETURNS TO HIS HOTEL

CHECKING OUT, MR. CRAGG? BUT YOUR RESERVATION CALLED FOR YOU TO STAY ANOTHER MONTH!

MR. FENTON'S DEATH HAS CHANGED ALL THAT!

BUT THE WORK AT THE EXCAVATION---

YOUR ARCHEOLOGISTS ARE ALREADY DIGGING THERE! JUST GET ME A RESERVATION ON THE FIRST BOAT FROM ALEXANDRIA TONIGHT!

THAT NIGHT, TAKING THE SHORTCUT THROUGH THE DANGEROUS CUTTHROAT-INFESTED ALLEYWAYS, CRAGG RACES TO THE DOCK! FEAR GRIPS HIS HEART, BUT IT IS A VAGUE FEAR AND NOT THE TERROR OF THE LURKING THUG'S KNIFE

YOU HAVE CABIN THIRTEEN, MR. CRAGG?

THIR--IT DOESN'T MATTER! TAKE ME TO IT AT ONCE!

LOCKING THE DOOR, HE FEELS SAFER! THEN THE SHIP VIBRATES AS ITS PROPELLER TURNS OVER AND IT GETS UNDER WAY! BUT AN HOUR LATER...

KNOCK KNOCK

W--WHO'S THERE?

BUT NO ONE ANSWERS
THE APPREHENSIVE
CRAGG! STILL THE
KNOCKING PERSISTS...



I'VE HAD ENOUGH
OF THIS GAME! WHO
THE DEVIL IS IT?



NO ONE IS OUT
HERE--BUT WHO-
EVER KNOCKED
COULDN'T HAVE
HAD TIME TO GET
DOWN THE
CORRIDOR!

BUT WITH A
CHILLING IN-
TUITION, CRAGG
TURNS HIS
GLANCE DOWNWARD

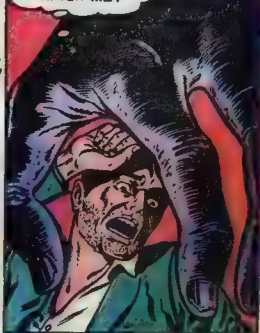
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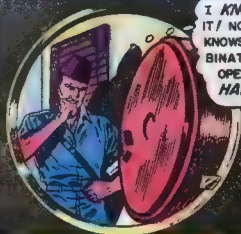


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BACKWARDS,
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I--IT'S COMING FOR ME--CAN'T
ESCAPE! BUT WHY IS IT
AFTER ME?



AND AS CRAGG'S DEATH RATTLE SOUNDS IN THE
STATEROOM, MILES AWAY IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS,
THE PUZZLED NEW POLICE CHIEF GAZES AT THE SAFE...



I KNOW I LOCKED
IT! NO ONE ELSE
KNOWS THE COM-
BINATION...YET IT'S
OPEN AND THE
HAND IS GONE!

NOW I HAVE ANOTHER MYSTERY TO SOLVE! WHEN
I TOOK THIS JOB TODAY, I MADE JUST ONE WISH
--TO EXECUTE THE MAN BEHIND THE TWO
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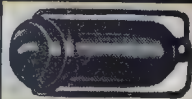
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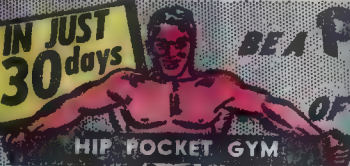
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AN EERIE LIGHT FLICKERS ACROSS THE CALM OCEAN WATERS/ THE YOUNG COUPLE'S CURIOSITY WAS FATALLY AROUSED/ THEY BEACHED THEIR SAILBOAT, COMPELLED BY SOME DOOMING INSTINCT TO SEEK OUT THE EVIL SECRET OF

Spectral Lighthouse

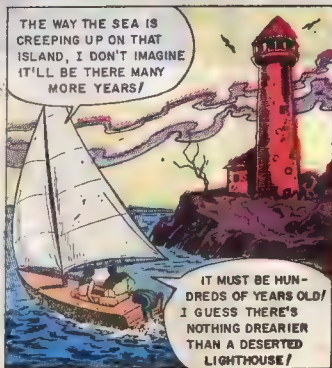


RUN FOR THE BOAT, BOB /W-WHOEVER
OR WHATEVER THOSE FANTASTIC
WRAITHS ARE-- THEY'RE
AFTER US!

THE BOAT,
ANN-- IT'S
GONE!

TACKLING
OFF THE
CAPE, ANN
AND BOB
DART'S
SAILBOAT
CUTS
CLOSE
TO AN
OUT-OF-
THE-WAY
AND
ABANDONED
LOOKING
LIGHT-
HOUSE

THE WAY THE SEA IS
CREEPING UP ON THAT
ISLAND, I DON'T IMAGINE
IT'LL BE THERE MANY
MORE YEARS!

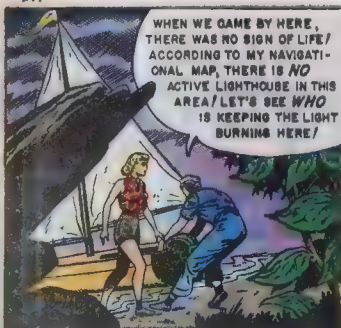


IT MUST BE HUN-
DREDS OF YEARS OLD/
I GUESS THERE'S
NOTHING DREAIRER
THAN A DESERTED
LIGHTHOUSE!

BUT AS THEY SWING THEIR BOAT ABOUT AT
DUSK AND REPASS THE LIGHTHOUSE, THEY
GAPE INCREDULOUSLY.



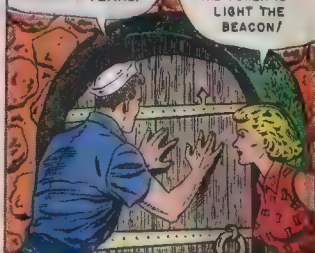
BOB, IT /ISN'T
ABANDONED/ LOOK AT
THE TOWER -- THERE'S
A FLICKERING
LIGHT!



BEACHING THE BOAT, THEY ADVANCE TO THE LIGHTHOUSE/ IN THE TOWER ABOVE, THE MYSTERIOUS LIGHT STILL FLICKERS

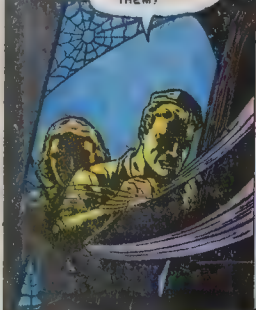
THE WAY THIS ANCIENT DOOR CREAKS, I'D SWEAR IT WASN'T OPENED IN YEARS!

IT MUST HAVE BEEN/SOMEONE HAD TO GET INTO THE TOWER TO LIGHT THE BEACON!



THE HEAVY DOOR FINALLY SWINGS OPEN/ A MUSTY SMELL GREETS THEM, AS THEY ENTER THE GRIMLY SILENT LIGHTHOUSE.

COBWEBS! NO ONE COULD HAVE GOTTEN BY THESE BLASTED THINGS WITHOUT BREAKING THEM!

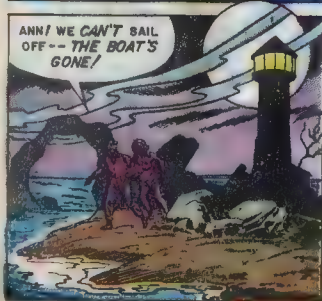


BEFORE I TRY PICKING MY WAY UP THESE CRUMBLING STONE STEPS, I'M GOING BACK TO THE BOAT FOR A FLASHLIGHT!

BOB, IT'S GETTING LATE. I'M BEGINNING TO THINK IF WE'RE SMART, WE'LL GET IN THE BOAT AND SAIL HOME!



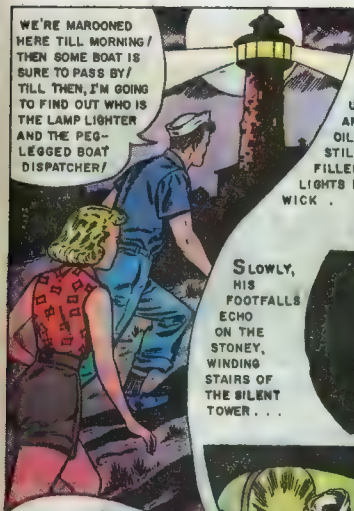
ANN! WE CAN'T SAIL OFF-- THE BOAT'S GONE!



HALF A MILE OUT TO SEA, THE BOAT DRIFTS OFF AIMLESSLY! THEN ANN GAZES DOWN AT THE MOONSWEPT BEACH AND, IN THE SILVERY LIGHT, SEES A CHILLING SIGHT

3-IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT, BOB/ NEITHER WAVES NOR WIND CARRIED OFF THE BOAT! LOOK!--FOOT-PRINTS OF A PEG LEGGED MAN!





WE'RE MAROONED
HERE TILL MORNING/
THEN SOME BOAT IS
SURE TO PASS BY/
TILL THEN, I'M GOING
TO FIND OUT WHO IS
THE LAMP LIGHTER
AND THE PEG-
LEGGED BOAT
DISPATCHER!

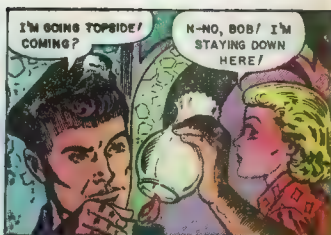
INSIDE
THE TOWER,
BOB
COMES
UPON AN
ANCIENT
OIL LAMP,
STILL
FILLED, AND
LIGHTS ITS
WICK . . .

SLOWLY,
HIS
FOOTFALLS
ECHO
ON THE
STONEY,
WINDING
STAIRS OF
THE SILENT
TOWER . . .

HALF
WAY UP,
BOB DART
SEES THE
GLOW FROM
THE TOWER
LIGHT, BUT
AS HE
APPROACHES,
HE SEES IT
FLASHING
OFF AND ON
--OFF AND
ON . . .

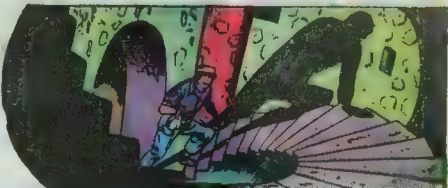


IT'D ALMOST
SWEAR SOMEONE
UP THERE IS
SIGNALING!



I'M GOING TOPSIDE/
COMING?

N-NO, BOB! I'M
STAYING DOWN
HERE!



THEN, LOOKING THROUGH A WALL WINDOW,
BOB DART MAKES OUT AN ANSWERING FLASH
FAR OUT ACROSS THE MOONLIT SEA.



SOMEONE HERE
IS SIGNALING TO A
SHIP!

THE LAST FEW STAIRS, HE RACES UP, CALLING
AS HE MOUNTS.



ONLY
AN ECHO!

HELLOOO
...LOOOO!

BUT AS HE
CROSSES
THE TOWER'S
THRESHOLD,
THE SIGNAL
LANTERN
GOES OUT
AND BOB
DART FEELS
A CHILLING
DRAUGHT
PASS HIM
AT THE
DOORWAY



IT'S OUT! -- AND IT LOOKS AS IF IT WEREN'T
USED FOR YEARS, BUT I KNOW THERE
WAS A LIGHT UP HERE
SECONDS AGO!

DESCENDING TO THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIR WELL, BOB DART LOOKS FEARFULLY ABOUT . . .



ANN! . . .
ANN!

SUDDENLY, BEHIND THE STONE WALL, HE HEARS A WEIRD RATTLING NOISE, LIKE THE DRAGGING OF CHAINS ACROSS STONES.



AND AS HE CLAWS WILDLY AT THE ROCKY WALL, HIS FINGERS GRIP A CRACK AND THE WALL SECTION SEEMS TO MOVE AND SUDDENLY SWINGS INWARD . . .



THE LANTERN'S FLICKERING LIGHT THROWS EERIE SHADOWS IN THE DANK, AIR-LESS CHAMBER / ON ITS WALLS ARE DEEP SUNKEN HOOKS AND FROM EACH HOOK HANGS A RUSTY, HEAVY MANACLE . . .



ANN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

YES! I WAS LEANING AGAINST THE WALL, WAITING FOR YOU! SUDDENLY, IT SWUNG ABOUT! I FOUND MYSELF IN THIS VILE ROOM! I CALLED AND RATTLED THE CHAINS . . . PRAYING YOU'D HEAR ME!



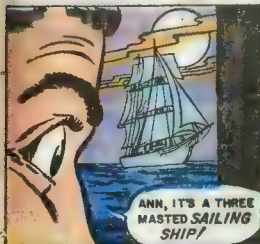
HELPING HIS TREMBLING WIFE, BOB DART STARTS OUT OF THE HIDDEN DUNGEON, AS SUDDENLY, HE STOPS . . .

LOOK! THERE, OUT ON THE OCEAN / A SHIP'S LIGHT-- AND IT'S COMING THIS WAY!



FOR A MINUTE, THEY STAND TRANSFIXED, GAZING OUT TO SEA AT THE NEARING SHIP AND SUDDENLY, IT COMES INTO ASTONISHING FOCUS.

THEN SUDDENLY, DOWN THE STONE STEPS COMES THE SOUND OF A FOOTFALL ALTERNATING WITH THE WOODEN THUD OF A PEG LEG . . .



ANN, IT'S A THREE MASTED SAILING SHIP!



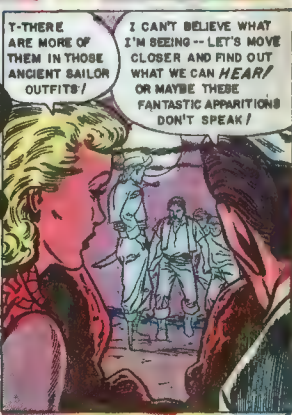
QUICKLY! BEHIND THE STAIRS!

AND AS THEY WATCH WITH HORRIFIED EYES, THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER, IN THE DRESS OF MANY CENTURIES AGO, STOMPS ACROSS THE BEACH TOWARD THE INCOMING LONGBOAT, ROWED BY SAILORS OF A BYGONE ERA.



T-THERE ARE MORE OF THEM IN THOSE ANCIENT SAILOR OUTFITS!

I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT I'M SEEING -- LET'S MOVE CLOSER AND FIND OUT WHAT WE CAN HEAR! OR MAYBE THESE FANTASTIC APPARITIONS DON'T SPEAK!



HERE'S THE MONEY, MATEY! A HUNDRED SPANISH DOUBLOONS FOR THE SHIPLOAD OF YOUR *SLAVES* AND NOT A GOLD COIN MORE! I RUN THE RISK HIDING THEM HERE AND SMUGGLING THEM ASHORE!

WE RUN THE RISK OF MEETING NAVAL PATROLS OUT AFTER SLAVERS!



BLIMY! WHAT'S THAT STRANGE RIGGED BOAT DOING HERE?

I DON'T RIGHTLY KNOW, MATEY, BUT I SHOVED HER ADRIFF ONCE TONIGHT AND I'LL DO IT AGAIN!



I DON'T KNOW WHO THESE HISTORICAL CHARACTERS ARE SUPPOSE TO BE, BUT I'M NOT STOPPING TO FIND OUT! MAKE FOR THE BOAT!

AVAST, YOU TWO! SEIZE THEM!

SORRY, SKIPPER! LEFT THE WATER TAP RUNNING AT MY HOUSE-- HAVE TO HURRY HOME!

MAN THE OARS! BRING ME THOSE TWO! I'LL SELL THEM WITH THE OTHER SLAVES!

THE SAILBOAT CATCHES THE WIND AND SPURTS FORWARD, BUT THE POWERFUL CREW OF OARSMEN SENDS THE LONGBOAT STREAKING ACROSS THE WATER.

WELL, I'LL SHOW THESE ANCIENT SEAMEN A MODERN TRICK-- HERE GOES THE EMERGENCY OUTBOARD MOTOR!

REPORTING THEIR ASTONISHING EXPERIENCE TO THE COAST GUARD, THEY ARE MET WITH SKEPTICAL SMILES! THE NEXT DAY, A CUTTER IS SENT TO CHECK THE ABANDONED LIGHTHOUSE.

AS THE CUTTER SPEEDS OFF, THEY PUZZLEDLY BOARD THEIR BOAT.

WHEN I KNOCKED THAT PEG LEGGED LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER OVER, HIS COINS WERE SCATTERED--AND THIS COIN IS AN OLD SPANISH DOUBLOON!

SORRY, MR. DART. NOT A TRACE OF YOUR PEG LEGGED FRIEND! I'VE EXAMINED THE RECORDS. THE LIGHTHOUSE WAS LAST USED IN 1771! ITS KEEPER WAS FOUND GUILTY OF SMUGGLING SLAVES AND TAKEN OFF THIS ISLAND! AS HE WAS HANGED, HE SWORE HE'D RETURN TO KEEP A RENDEZVOUS WITH A SLAVE SHIP. HE DID HAVE A PEG LEG! BUT THAT DOESN'T PROVE ANYTHING!

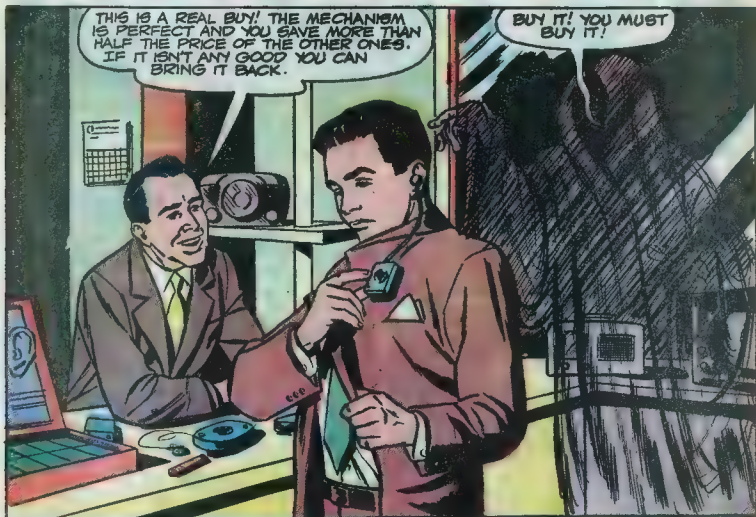
AN HALLUCINATION-- I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO PUT IT DOWN TO THAT! EXCEPT FOR OUR WORD, WE'VE NO PROOF IT HAPPENED---

W-WAIT, BOB! LOOK! THERE ON THE DECK!

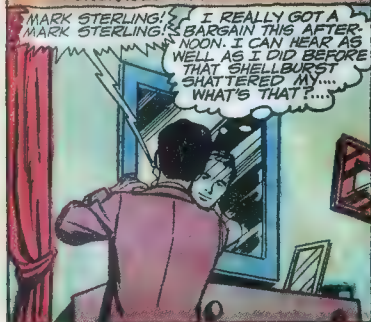
THE END

ITS INSISTANT PLEADING SENT A COLD CHILL OF FEAR THROUGH HIS HEART. THIN, HIGH-PITCHED AND COMPELLING, THE EERIE VOICE SOUNDED CLEAR IN HIS DEAFENED EARS. HAD THAT EAR-SHATTERING SHELLBURST IN KOREA DAMAGED MORE THAN HIS HEARING? HAD HIS MIND BECOME UNHINGED BY THAT AWFUL BLAST? MARK STERLING HAD TO FIND OUT. WAS HE GOING INSANE OR DID HE REALLY HEAR THE SPINE-CHILLING TONES OF THE.....

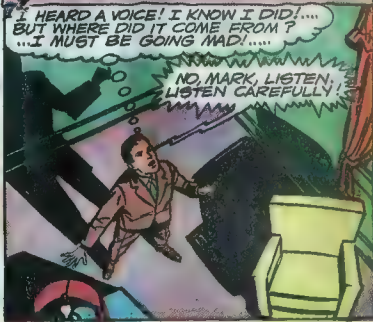
HAUNTED VOICE



A COLD DECEMBER NIGHT AS MARK STERLING ADJUSTED THE NEW HEARING AID HE HAD PURCHASED THAT DAY....



STARTLED, MARK LOOKED TO SEE WHO HAD COME IN. THERE WAS NO ONE! FEAR FLOODED HIS MIND AS THE EERIE VOICE SPOKE AGAIN....



JUDSON INGRAM WAS MURDERED TODAY. HIS BODY NOW LIES IN A CAR STANDING BEFORE HIS HOME AT 122 CARMORE DRIVE. CALL THE POLICE.

COLONEL INGRAM THE MILLIONAIRE PHILANTHROPIST! THAT SHELL BURST DID FINALLY CATCH UP WITH ME. I AM CRAZY!



WHEN MARK TURNED THE MACHINE OFF THE VOICE STOPPED. WHEN HE TURNED IT ON THE EERIE, HIGH-PITCHED WHISPERING BEGAN AGAIN...

IT CAN'T BE ME. IT SEEMS TO COME FROM THE HEARING AID. YET!



MARK LISTEN TO ME! CALL THE POLICE!

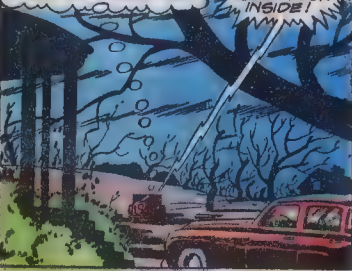
CALL THE POLICE! THEY'D CLAP ME INTO A PSYCHO WARD. I'D BETTER GO TO INGRAM'S HOUSE AND CHECK FOR MYSELF.



HURRYING TO HIS JALOPY, MARK SPED TO INGRAM'S HOME.....

THAT MUST BE THE HOUSE... HMM, THERE'S A CAR IN FRONT OF IT JUST AS...

LOOK INSIDE, MARK. LOOK INSIDE!



WITH A VAGUE FEELING OF DREAD, MARK APPROACHED THE CAR AND LOOKED IN. WHAT HE SAW SENT A CHILL OF HORROR THROUGH HIM...

A DEAD MAN! WHY IT IS COLONEL INGRAM! I RECOGNIZE HIM FROM HIS NEWSPAPER PICTURES!

THE POLICE, MARK! HURRY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!...



MARK WASTED NO TIME DRIVING TO A PHONE HE CALLED THE POLICE AND RETURNED TO INGRAM'S HOUSE SHORTLY AFTER.

ALL RIGHT BUD, WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

COLONEL INGRAM! HE WAS MURDERED!! HIS BODY IS IN THE BACK OF THAT CAR!



WHEN THE POLICE LOOKED INSIDE THE CAR MARK AGAIN FELT THE CREEPING FINGERS OF FEAR. THERE WAS NO BODY THERE...

WHAT IS THIS, BUD? ARE YOU TRYING TO KID US? THERE'S NO BODY IN THIS CAR!!

BUT...BUT THERE HAS TO BE! I SAW IT! IT WAS COLONEL INGRAM! I KNOW IT WAS!



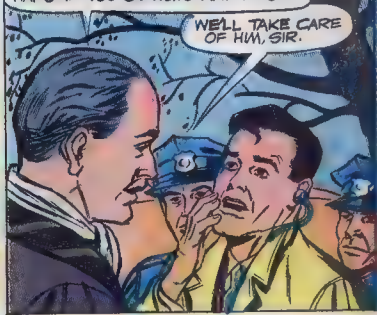
AT THAT MOMENT THE DOOR OF THE HOUSE
OPENED AND A MAN CAME OUT....

WHAT'S GOING ON,
OFFICER? IS SOME-
THING WRONG?

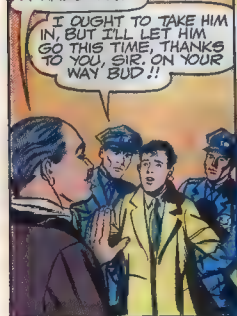
COLONEL INGRAM! I
THOUGHT YOU SAID HE
WAS DEAD?



I'M AFRAID THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, MY BOY. I
NEVER WAS MORE ALIVE IN MY LIFE, PER-
HAPS IF YOU GO HOME AND REST...



I'M SURE HE MEANT NO
HARM. PERHAPS HE HAD
A HARD DAY.

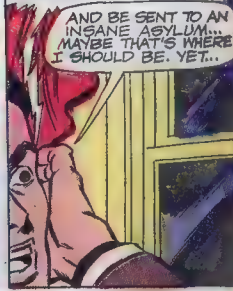


SHAKEN TO THE CORE, HIS MIND
IN A TURMOIL, MARK RETURNED
HOME. AS HE PACED THE FLOOR,
WORRIED AND FRIGHTENED,
THE VOICE SPOKE AGAIN.....

MARK, LISTEN! INGRAM IS
REALLY DEAD. YOU WERE SEEN
SNOOPING AND HIS BODY WAS
TAKEN FROM THE CAR. NOW
THEY'RE OUT TO GET YOU. YOU
KNOW TOO MUCH!



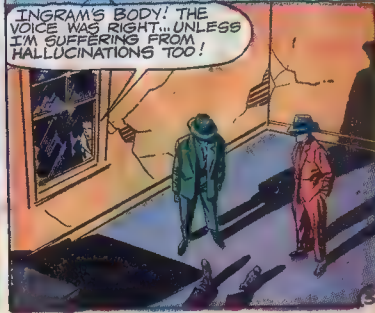
PLEASE LISTEN! THEY'VE
TAKEN THE BODY TO LACK-
LAND FARM ON ROUTE 40.
YOU MUST TELL THE POLICE
BEFORE THEY GET YOU!



THOROUGHLY FRIGHTENED AND UNWILLING TO
ACCEPT THE IDEA OF INSANITY, MARK
DECIDED TO TEST THE VOICE ONCE MORE..



UNABLE TO THINK CLEARLY, HIS MIND IN A
TORMENT, MARK AT LAST REACHED LACK-
LAND FARM... THERE...



MARK CONTINUED TO WATCH THE TWO THUGS, TRYING TO COLLECT HIS SCATTERED WITS.....

I'VE GOT TO GET THE POLICE AND CONVINCE THEM THIS ISN'T ALL A...

UNNNH!!



A MOMENT LATER....

HOLY SMOKE! IT'S THE SAME PUNK WHO CALLED THE COPS AT INGRAM'S HOUSE!.... WHAT'LL WE DO WITH HIM BOGGY?

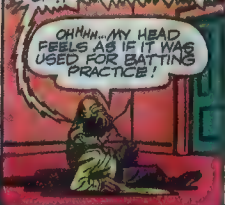
LOCK HIM IN THE BACK ROOM. I WANT INGRAM'S BODY DISPOSED OF FIRST. YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM LATER!



STILL LATER, CONSCIOUSNESS SWAM BACK TO MARK'S THROBBING BRAIN. IN HIS EAR HE HEARD THE INSTANT URGING OF THE BERN VOICE.....

GET UP MARK! GET UP! LOOK THROUGH THE KEY-HOLE OF THE DOOR.... GET UP!!

OHNN...MY HEAD FEELS AS IF IT WAS USED FOR BATTING PRACTICE!



CRAWLING TO THE DOOR MARK PEERED THROUGH THE KEYHOLE AND LISTENED....

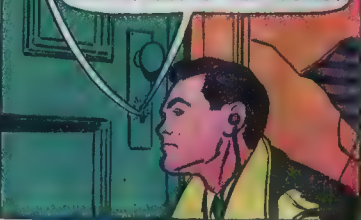
YOU'D BETTER GET GOING. THE FIRST NATIONAL WILL OPEN BY THE TIME YOU REACH THE CITY.

YOU'RE SURE YOU CAN DUPLICATE INGRAM'S SIGNATURE PERFECTLY?



LISTEN, I'VE PRACTICED THAT SIGNATURE SO LONG AND SO OFTEN THAT I CAN DO IT BETTER THAN INGRAM DID. IT'S A CINCINCH. IN A FEW HOURS WE'LL ALL BE ON EASY STREET.

YEP AND WHILE YOU'RE GONE WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT SMART ALEC IN THE NEXT ROOM, SINCE HE'S LOOKING FOR INGRAM, WE'LL LET HIM FIND OUT!



BUT MARK HAD NO INTENTIONS OF ENDING UP BEHIND THE LATE COLONEL INGRAM. A FEW MINUTES AFTER THE FAKE INGRAM HAD GONE....

OKAY, MIKE. LET'S FINISH THIS PUNK OFF FAST. I WANT TO HAVE EVERYTHING CLEANED UP BY THE TIME SLADE GETS BACK.

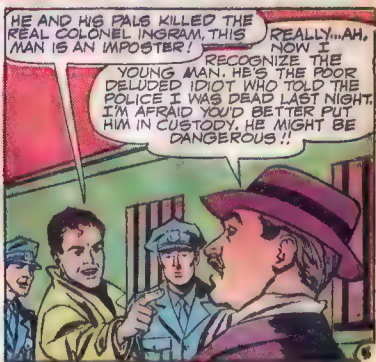
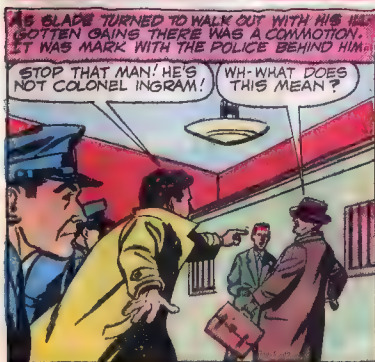
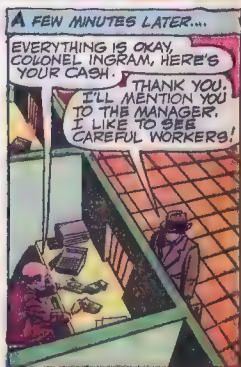
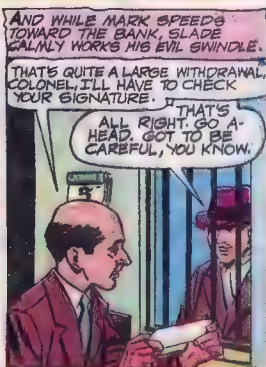
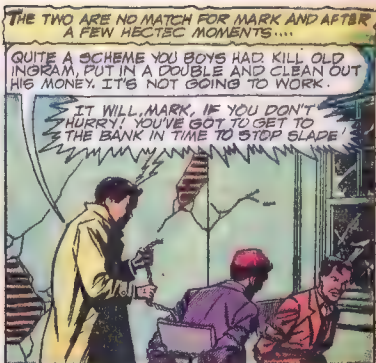
I'LL CLEAN HIM UP, ALL RIGHT.



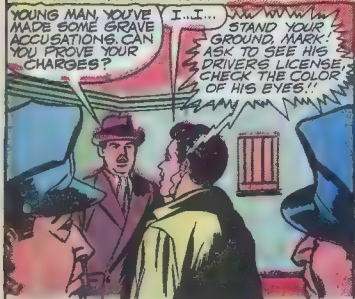
I'LL DO THE CLEANING AROUND HERE!

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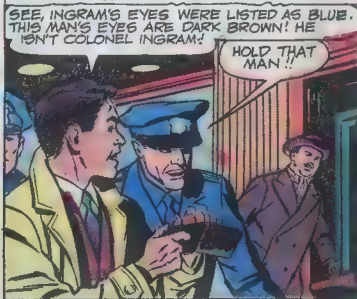




FOR A MOMENT MARK WAS STUNNED AT THE SUDDEN TURN OF EVENTS. THEN THE GHOSTLY VOICE CAME TO HIS AID....



REGAINING HIS COMPOSURE, MARK DID AS THE VOICE TOLD HIM. THE RESULTS WERE STARTLING....



NO YOU DON'T! NOBODY IS TAKING ME OR THE MONEY! STAND BACK!



GET HIM MARK! GE...



OKAY, MISTER, YOU'VE HAD IT!



THE BATTLE WAS SHORT. SLADE WAS TAKEN PRISONER BEFORE HE COULD FIRE AGAIN. WHEN IT WAS OVER....

YOUNG MAN, I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH. YOU MANAGED TO CIRCUMVENT ONE OF THE SLICKEST SWINDLES EVER TRIED ON THIS BANK.

SORRY, CAN'T HEAR A WORD YOU SAY. MY HEARING AID STOPPED THE BULLET MEANT FOR ME.



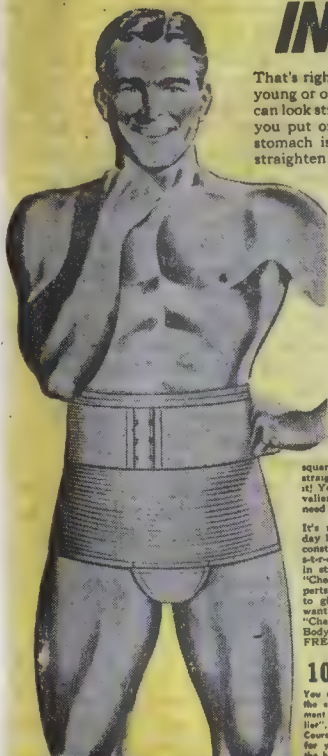
ONCE AGAIN MARK WAS WITHOUT A HEARING AID. BUT A FEW DAYS LATER A NEW ONE CAME FOR HIM WITH AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE OFFICE OF COLONEL INGRAM'S LAWYER...

STERLING, I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW THAT COLONEL INGRAM'S MONEY WILL BE USED TO HELP VETERANS. WONDER HOW HE EVER MET THOSE RATS THAT KILLED HIM. IT'S A PITY THE DEAD CAN'T TALK.

YOU THINK SO? SOMETIMES I WONDER?



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WHEN WITCHES WALKED

ACCORDING to Lord Coke, in England the legal definition of a witch is "a person who hath conference with the Devil to consult with him or do some act." This witch-cult had form, substance and inexorable customs, some of which have been handed down from generation to generation and exist today in garbled form and secret belief. Greater interest, however, lies in a study of the original witchcraft liturgies.

Witchcraft consisted of a belief in a god incarnate in a human being or animal—a point still believed in by many savage and primitive tribes today. Originally the rites with which this incarnate god was worshipped included sacred dances, feasts, chants in honor of the dark deity, and liturgical rituals, as well as other strange ceremonies.

Assembles, or Witches' Sabbaths, occurred four times each year—on Candlemas "February 2nd"; May-eve or Roodmas; Lammas, "August 1st" and November-eve or All-Hallow-E'en. Hundreds of men, women and children attended these Sabbaths, the celebrations lasting from early evening to the following dawn.

There were, in addition, smaller meetings which took place at shorter, irregular intervals. To these lesser gatherings came the principal members of the witch-cult, who held positions somewhat similar to the priesthood. In each district there were thirteen of these persons—a chief, or Devil, and twelve

satellites, known as a "Coven."

Members of a Coven were supposed to possess familiars, or evil spirits attached to them personally. There were two types of familiars: the divining familiar, which could forecast the future, and the domestic familiar, which enabled the witch to perform black magic.

In general, the witches were instructed by their chiefs, or Coven-devils, in the method of divining by animals; and the chief would usually appoint the class of animals to be used for forecasting purposes. One witch would divine by dogs, another by cats—known within the cult as "corbies."

Spells, charms and incantations were part of the witchcraft belief; and often these spells were for sale to the highest layman bidder. Death, it was claimed, could be produced from a distance and visited upon an enemy. Or, to the contrary, incantations were sometimes employed for good instead of evil. A favorable harvest, a plentiful catch of fish, the love of a desirable young girl—all could be obtained through intercession by a witch and the sacrifice of some living thing, human or lower animal, to propitiate the dark gods.

As civilization waxed, witchcraft waned. But even today we find traces of the ancient magical beliefs in our literature, our folklore—and in our fear of the dark. We even celebrate Hallowe'en—the night of the Witches' Sabbath, when the Devil and his Coven are still supposed to walk the earth!

THE MALIGNANT PEARLS

THROUGH recorded history, pearls have more often been accused of malign influence than any other type of precious gem. Traditionally sinister and ill-omened, historically connected with ancient magic, pearls are potently fraught with superstitious folklore. In the so-called interpretation of dreams, a pearl is always supposed to mean murder or violent death. The story of Cleopatra is offered as proof. Everyone has read of this beautiful Egyptian queen, who once dissolved a pearl of vast value in wine vinegar, then drank the dissolved gem to indicate her contempt for the destruction of so costly a bauble. But from that evil day onward, Cleopatra's star of greatness waned. And in the end, when her empire had crumbled about her because of her love for Mark Antony, she caused a poisonous asp to sting her to death.

Voodoo experts, witch doctors and practitioners of black magic have always regarded the pearl as a thing of malign omen. It has been claimed that a pearl can grow fiery hot when touched by someone who arouses its sentient anger; and many are the tales of pearls abruptly glowing with inner hell-fires, like miniature volcanoes, when merely gazed upon by unworthy eyes.

When any pearl thus glows, it is said to cast a baneful influence on all within its range, bringing misery and death to innocent and guilty alike.

The pearl divers and dealers in

ancient Macedonia were responsible for one bit of superstitious lore which exists to this day in the Balkan provinces—cradle of such legends as the belief in werewolves, vampires and the undead who walk by night. Persisting through many centuries is the Macedonian insistence that pearls are responsible for misfortune and can thereby be used to put a stop to bad luck.

The method is simple, but costly. To remedy a run of unlucky breaks, you are supposed to obtain a pearl. The more valuable the gem, the better will be your chances of improving your lot. You might even borrow it—but with the unspoken stipulation that it will never again be returned to the rightful owner!

In any case, once the sufferer from bad luck procures a pearl, he is supposed to dig a deep hole and bury it after having worn it next to his heart for a certain number of days. The belief seems to be that the gem absorbs its wearer's misfortunes and after the stone has been properly buried, all your misfortunes are buried with it.

In France of the Middle Ages, pearls were thought to possess an ability to foretell death and disaster. When sickness or calamity befell a family, its pearls were believed to turn an evil and sinisterly greenish color far in advance of the actual misfortune. Hence, nearly every grand seigneur made it a point to own several pearls so that he might know in advance when illness or death was going to visit his castle.

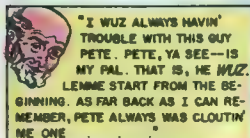
PAL TROUBLE

MIKE HADN'T WANTED BEING A FALL GUY FOR ANYTHING. BUT THINGS JUST WORKED OUT THAT WAY FOR HIM. BUT HE KNEW THAT THE REAL CAUSE OF IT ALL WAS HIS PAL PETE.

SEE THAT GUY COMIN' OUR WAY? WELL—HE'S GONNA GET INTO A HEAP O' TROUBLE! HE CAN'T SEE US NOW-- NOT YET! BUT JUST LEMME TELL YUH WHY!

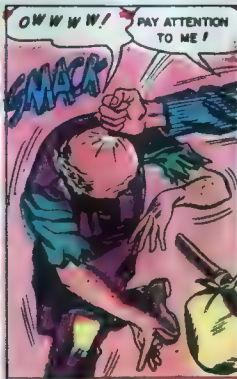


ANTHONY TALLARICO



"I WUZ ALWAYS HAVIN' TROUBLE WITH THIS GUY PETE. PETE, YA SEE--IS MY PAL. THAT IS, HE *WUZ*. LEMME START FROM THE BEGINNING. AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER, PETE ALWAYS WAS CLOUTIN' ME ONE

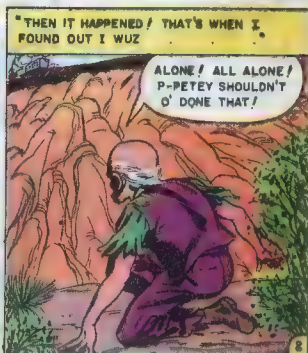
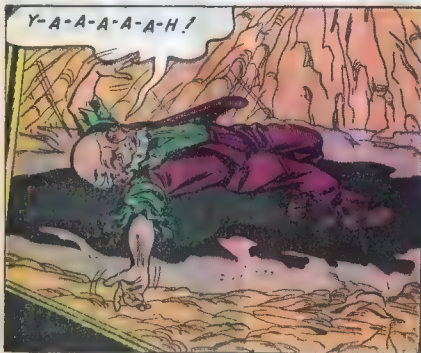
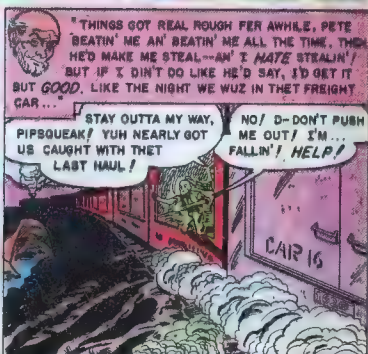
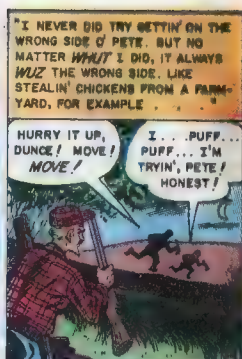
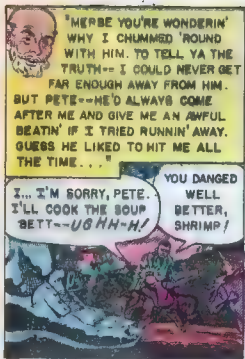
WHATCHA THINKIN' 'BOUT NOW, MIKE? HEY--YA NITWIT. YUH LISTENIN' TO ME?



Y--YEAH, PETE. STOP... IT! CAN'T BREATHE...!

I'LL CHOKE YUH, YA LITTLE RUNT! YA HEAR ME?

YOU JUS' JUMP TO NEXT TIME I ASK YUH ANYTHIN'!



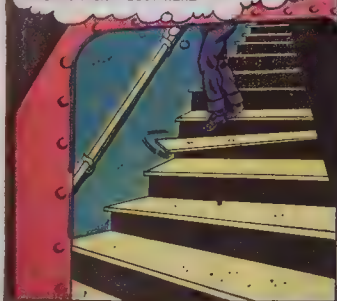
A comic book illustration of a man with a beard and a blue jacket walking on a path. A speech bubble above him says "...THIS!!" and a large sound effect "click!" is written in a stylized font.

A man in a blue coat is running away from a large, dark, rocky cliff face. He is looking back over his shoulder with a distressed expression, his hands raised in a gesture of alarm or surrender. The scene is set in a dark, cavernous environment with a large, jagged rock formation on the left and a smaller, more rounded rock formation on the right. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

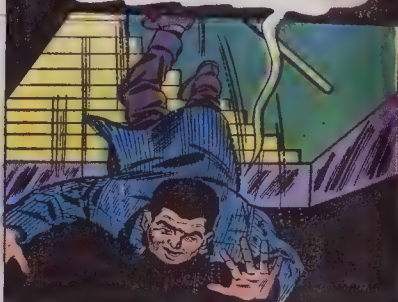
"WELL -- PETE'S DECIDED HE DON'T LIKE THE SWAMP-LANDS NO MORE. HE'S STILL GOT A FEW COPPERS LEFT--SO HE'S TAKEN THE PERRY CROSS THIS RIVER. HE'S DUE FER A SURPRISE..."

BOY--I SURE WUZ ALL WORKED UP 'BOUT THEY TREE FALLIN' ON 'ME! NOTHIN' LIKE STEALIN' SOMETHIN' FROM A FERRY-BOAT TO GET BACK IN SHAPE!

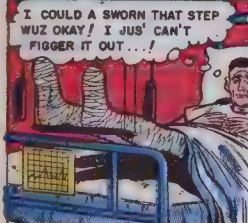
SURE! THE CAP'N AN' THE REST'LL NEVER
FIND OUT WHO TOOK THEIR COMPASS. HIS
CABIN'S RIGHT 'BOUT HERE ---



X-A-A-A-A-AH!

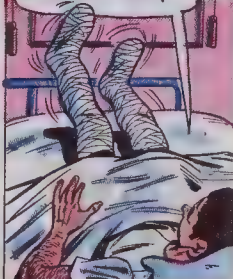


"SO HERE WE ARE AGAIN.
THET THERE'S OL' PETE, MY
BUDDY. GOSH--HE'S BEEN
CLEANED UP--PROBABLY FER
THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE! BUT
IS HE PUZZLED! HEH, HEH...
REALLY PUZZLED!"



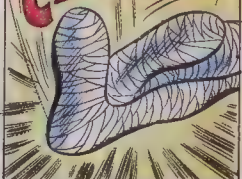
I COULD'A SWORN THAT STEP
WUZ OKAY! I JUS' CAN'T
FIGGER IT OUT...!

I'LL--ULP! OOOH---M-MY
LEGS--THEY'RE MOVIN' UP AN'
DOWN BY T-THEMSELVES! HELP
S-SOMEBODY! HELP!



OOOOOOOOHHH!

CRASH



I'M... LOSIN' MY MIND!
M-MY LEGS M-MOVED!
OOOH...

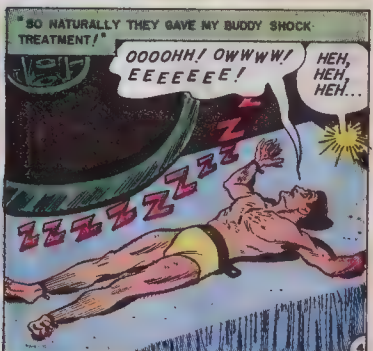
HEH, HEH,
HEH...

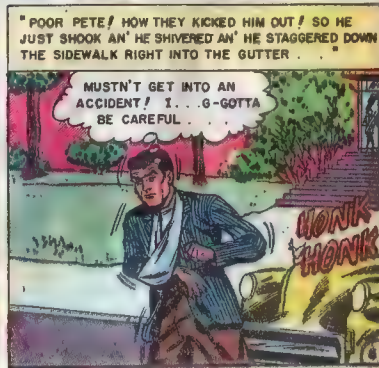
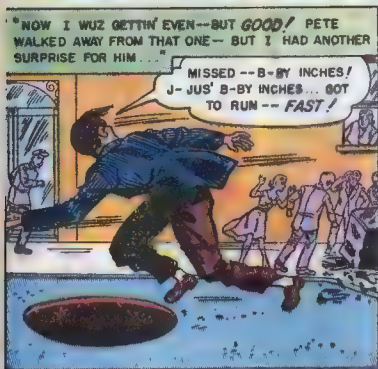


"SO NATURALLY THEY GAVE MY BUDDY SHOCK
TREATMENT!"

OOOOHH! OWWWW!
EEEEEEE!

HEH,
HEH,
HEH...







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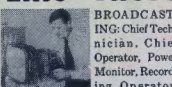
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